Setting up of Human Rights Courts in States

* 51. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have set up "Human Rights" courts as provided in Section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act; and

(b) whether it would not be both convenient and expeditious if the said courts are vested with civil and criminal jurisdiction to handle complaints of violation of human rights and claim of compensation, so that complete justice may be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) A per information available, the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura have already notified such Courts.

(b) Under section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, the State Governments may with the concurrence of Chief Justice of the concerned High Court, by a notification specify for each district a Human Rights Court to try the offences arising out of the violation of Human Rights.

The National Human Rights Commission has proposed that in order to give a better focus to this laudable provision and to provide justice at the district level itself in case of human rights violations, the section needs amendment. This proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Enhancing security after terrorist attack in J and K Assembly

* 52. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the security after the terrorist attack on Jammu and Kashmir Assembly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of arrests taken place after this incident;